



STATEMENT NO. I.

Criticism of Law By an Able Writer.

Editor Gazette: Indications are that our primary election law opens the door to graver abuses than any we have yet known. This might have been foreseen since the prime purpose, well concealed, indeed, was to destroy the organization of the dominant party.

Nowhere do we see probability of greater mischief being wrought by this law than in the choice of U. S. senators. However ardently we may believe these should be elected by the direct vote of the people the fact remains that it is not the constitutional and legal method of choosing them.

It may be said that after all, the people simply nominate senators, the legislature does the electing. This is a mere flimsy subterfuge, proved to be so by pledge No. 1, exacted from or voluntarily given by candidates for election to the state legislature.

Here is a pledge which the people have no moral right to exact and which, we must believe, it is both immoral and cowardly to give, because it circumvents and nullifies the plain intent and mandate of the supreme law of the land.

The legislator who is required to take a solemn oath to support the constitution of the United States and of the state must either forswear himself or violate the pledge to which he probably owes his election.

If a man is willing to give a public pledge to violate one provision of the constitution,—the law,—may he not be induced, sub rosa, by individuals, or by corporations to violate other provisions? Really is he a safe man to frame laws for a great state?

We know at least one republican, and believe that there are other republicans as well as democrats who will not, either at the primaries or later, support any candidate for the legislature who has given such a pledge.

The trouble is for too long have self-seeking men been foisted upon the people. The remedy is in the hands of the people. Let them elect intelligent, honest, courageous and patriotic men to the legislature. Such men may be found in every party in every legislative district in the state. Seek them out. They are not passing the hat around, nor making every sort of promise for support. Send such men to the legislature and they will support the fittest available men in the state for the office of U. S. senator. This is all we seek, all that the constitution contemplates, and offers no premium to trickery, dishonesty, cowardice and perjury.

J. K. PHILIPS.

FINE SCHOOL AFFAIR.

Teachers, Parents, and Pupils Meet at Summit.

Summit is rapidly becoming one of the foremost communities in our county in educational matters. Within a short time they have built one of the best school houses in the country. They are rapidly improving the grounds, and when completed no one need regret the time and work thereby expended.

Last Saturday they again displayed their interest and enthusiasm. Superintendent Denman had arranged to hold a parents' meeting with them. While the house is large, it failed to seat all attending. The parents came from every part of the western section of the county, even Nashville being well represented. Prof. R. R. Miller had the Summit band on hand to lend inspiration to the occasion. The enthusiastic mothers prepared

one of the most tempting and delicious dinners ever enjoyed by the good people living there. It was the general impression that the good housewives were trying not only to surpass all previous efforts, but to surprise even their own husbands, and they did it in a very successful manner.

A literary program filled with entertainment was one of the features of the day. Each pupil showed marked improvement in this work. The musical selections pleased everyone. The band gave some excellent numbers. The two quartets aided materially in increasing the interest and entertainment. The several vocal solos were sung with good voice, feeling and expression.

The regular work consisted of a short, pointed talk on "The Value of Parents Visiting the School and Teachers Visiting the Home," by Prof. R. R. Miller. Mrs. Horace Underhill read an excellent paper which was filled with practical suggestions on "The Parent's Duty When Trouble Comes into the School." Prof. O. V. White gave a fine talk on the "Value of Trained Teachers." His method of handling the subject aroused intense interest among those present.

Supt. Denman gave a short practical talk on "A \$4,000-Boy." At the close of the meeting so well pleased were all with the results of the day's work that many solicited Supt. Denman to hold another meeting as soon as possible.

Real Estate Transfers.

James Hayes and wife to Peter Herkess, right-of-way for road; \$60.

M. E. Fruit and husband to John Bier, 1 1/2 lots, block 6, Corvallis; \$800.

Rena Longbottom and husband to Delilah Reid, q c d claim 39, Kings Valley; \$1.

R. Oakes and wife to E. L. Oakes, 283 acres, t 14, s r 6 w; \$1.

A. M. Witham to Elvin Witham, land near Corvallis; \$913.60.

J. G. Avery and wife to Chas. Gaylord, 2 lots in Corvallis; \$125.

Lydia Maxfield to State of Oregon, lot 7, sec 10, t 10 s r, 6 w; \$1.

Lena Hamilton and husband to E. S. Howard, 64 acres, near Monroe; \$650.

United States to John Duffy, patent to 160 acres, near Bellefontain.

George Taylor and wife to Noel Wilkinson, small tract of land in Corvallis; \$300.

L. E. Chenoweth and wife to L. G. Price, 80 acres, near Hoskins; \$600.

B. W. Harris and wife to C. A. Hopson, 83 acres, near Albany; \$2,988.

Over One-Fourth of World's Entire First and Second Class Matter Goes Through United States.

The aggregate annual letter and newspaper mail of the world amounts to 32,500,000,000 pieces, of which 8,500,000,000 go through the United States mails, says a writer in Success. We have 75,000 post offices and 500,000 miles of postal routes, with a yearly travel over them amounting to 500,000,000 miles. The service costs over \$150,000,000 a year. The receipts are now almost equal to the expenditures, and have doubled in the last ten years. In 1860 the total receipts were \$8,000,000, which was considered an extraordinary sum. But for \$22,000,000 spent in establishing the rural free delivery, which now serves one-seventh of the population of the United States, the post office would be self-sustaining.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR.

Extract From the Sixteenth Annual Report of OAC.

The sixteenth annual report of the Oregon Agricultural College and Experiment Station has just come from the college presses. It is a very comprehensive report. From it we reprint an excerpt of the report of Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Experiment Station as follows:

GENERAL AGRICULTURE.

The endeavors of the agricultural department were largely devoted to rotation systems of cropping, soiling, dairy cows and alfalfa investigations. For several seasons the station has secured gratifying results from two general systems of crop rotation; a four year rotation with corn, wheat and two years of clover, and an alternating system with vetch and spring grain.

For the past three seasons the Station has conducted investigations to the feasibility of soiling dairy cows with the result that in 1903 two acres of alfalfa and one acre of crimson clover yielded 95,744 pounds of green forage, or sufficient to feed 10 cows for 127 days. In 1904 two acres of alfalfa and two acres of vetch and winter rye yielded 79,685 pounds of green feed or sufficient to maintain 10 dairy cows 106 days. In addition the two acres of vetch yielded a second crop of fifteen bushels of seed. This year two acres of alfalfa, one acre of vetch and rye and four-fifths of an acre of vetch and winter oats yielded 107,870 pounds of green forage, or sufficient to maintain 10 cows for 143 days. The two acres of alfalfa will yield one and probably two more light cuttings this season. An acre of this land would scarcely furnish sufficient pasturage for one cow for four months. Thus it will be seen that soiling is economy of land.

INVESTIGATIONS OF FORAGE PLANTS.

Considerable attention has been given to alfalfa and from results obtained thus far it is evident that this forage plant can be successfully grown on large areas of land in the Western portion of the State. Experiments are under way with the use of lime at the rate of one ton per acre; also with treated seed by means of cultures of bacteria secured from the National Department of Agriculture as against the use of impregnated soil.

The Station has supplied during the past year 4,400 pounds of inoculated soil to 21 farmers and has sent out 3 packages of treated seed for co-operative work.

For several years an effort has been made to find a good pasture grass, one that would afford some growth during the dry season. It is found by experiment that the grasses known as Oregon evergreen and Festuca arundinacea are both well adapted to the heavy clay soils of this section and promise to be excellent pasture grasses.

Work in the selection of vetch with a high protein content is continued, also with the testing of new varieties of forage plants.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

In addition to soiling experiments with dairy cows and young stock, two digestion experiments were conducted with four animals with vetch hay and corn silage. The results of this work were published in Bulletin 85.

Two feeding experiments were conducted with swine. Ten shoats of the same age and breed were divided into two lots. Lot 1 was fed ground wheat and consumed in 76 days 2,457 pounds, gained 515 pounds. Grain consumed for one pound gain in live weight, 4.77 pounds. Lot 2 was fed ground barley and consumed in 76 days 2,527 pounds, gained 505 pounds. Grain consumed for one pound gain in live weight, 5 pounds. Thus it will be noted in this instance that

barley, a much less expensive feed than wheat, gave nearly as good results as wheat.

MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

This includes investigations with corn, clover and vetch silage, both steamed and unsteamed, variety tests of various cereals and storage plants; systems of rotation and cultural methods.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The Station Staff has conducted during the past year, 18 institutes with an aggregate attendance of about 5,500 persons. Individual members of the Staff have also assisted in a number of State and National conventions and local agricultural and horticulture meetings.

Five bulletins were issued during the year:—No. 82, "The Apple in Oregon;" No. 83, "The Perpetuation of Pure Cultures for Butter Starters;" No. 84, "Poultry Under Confinement;" No. 85, "Digestibility of Vetch Hay and Corn Silage;" No. 86, "Co-operative Irrigation Investigations with the Office of Experiment Stations, United States Department of Agriculture."

Receipts from sales of farm commodities, live stock and dairy products, \$1350.26.

Is the Dahlia Edible?

The statement is sometimes seen since the renaissance of the dahlia to popularity that its tubers are edible. On this point American Gardening printed a note a season or two ago from J. A. McDowell, City of Mexico, in which he says: "The dahlia, though a native of Mexico and discovered by Humboldt, is not known as edible, like other flowering roots, such as Tigrisias, which are eaten like potatoes, either roasted or boiled."

Holding Foliage Too Late.

A tree should ripen its wood and its leaves at the same time and at the normal time. If it holds beyond the proper time, say November, as I have had trees do, it tends to weaken the buds for the next year. I contend that is what makes the so called tender varieties of peaches. For fifteen or twenty years I have noticed that certain varieties hold their foliage very late in the fall, later than all the rest.—W. H. Skillman, New Jersey.

The Rose Bed.

It is a mistake to make any rose bed higher than the adjacent surface, as in hot weather the soil dries out and the plants suffer for want of moisture. If the bed is intended for hybrid perpetuals it should contain a fair proportion of clay, well mixed with the other soil. A sufficient amount is always present in what is known as a heavy loam.

Hardy Chrysanthemums.

The large flowered types of chrysanthemum which each autumn produce such gorgeous shows in the stores, florists' establishments and conservatories, are not hardy and are treated as greenhouse plants by the florists. The class of hardy chrysanthemums which should be more commonly seen in every flower garden are the pompons.

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